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Application of: SUGITA, Nobuaki Group Art Unit: 1745

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REQUEST FOR STATUS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 2, 2004

Sir:

The undersigned agent requests the status of the above-identified application.

Applicants received a Decision on Appeal dated June 29, 2004, reversing the appealed rejections, but no further action has been received.

In the event any fees are required in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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